



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 7275

Offered by:

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To: Senate Bill No. 962

File No. 168

Cal. No. 183

"AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENT."

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (a) Any state agency that places a child, as
4 defined in section 17a-93 of the general statutes, in a residential facility
5 shall enter into a written contract with the facility at the time of the
6 placement. Such written contract shall establish clear standards for the
7 child's care and treatment, including, but not limited to, requirements
8 for monthly written reports and weekly oral communication
9 concerning the child's care and treatment. The written contract shall
10 require the facility to report promptly to the placing agency any
11 allegation that the child is abused or neglected, as defined in section
12 46b-120 of the general statutes, or any incident of abuse or neglect of
13 an individual placed in the facility. The written contract also shall set
14 forth child-specific goals and expectations for treatment and progress.

15 (b) The placing state agency shall ensure that an individual who is

16 qualified to evaluate the child's treatment and progress monitors the
17 child's care and treatment through a monitoring plan that is based
18 upon the child's individual needs, including review of monthly written
19 reports, and weekly telephone calls to facility staff responsible for the
20 child's treatment and, if appropriate, the child. The placing state
21 agency shall visit the child and facility based upon the child's
22 individual needs, but at minimum shall visit once per month for in-
23 state placements and four times per year for out-of-state placements.
24 The placing state agency shall ensure that a discharge plan is
25 developed within two weeks of the child's placement in the facility.
26 The same qualified individual responsible for monitoring the child's
27 treatment shall review on a quarterly basis the contract and the
28 discharge plan for progress toward treatment goals and conditions
29 necessary for discharge.

30 Sec. 2. Not later than January 1, 2002, the Department of Children
31 and Families, the Department of Public Health, the Department of
32 Education, and the Office of the Child Advocate, shall submit a report
33 to the General Assembly, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
34 general statutes, on its findings and recommendations concerning the
35 creation of an independent licensing and monitoring authority for
36 residential facilities for children.

37 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that section
38 1 shall take effect October 1, 2001."